

AGENDA FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING AND GREEN TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Members present: Ron Bjorkland, John Lippert, Jane Young, Matt Dirksen, Josh Hamlin, Steve Skolnik, and Michael Hartman.

Liaisons: Luisa Robles (staff); Colin Byrd (council liaison).

Visitors: From the County: Joanna Smith, and Adeel Malik; from Planning: Judith Howerton, Terri Hruby; residents: Jeannie Iacovazzi, Rhema Bjorkland, Tom Taylor, Ben Fishler.

Call to order: 7:32 pm

1. Presentation on outfall improvement/stream restoration project proposed behind Charlestowne North. (30 minutes) Outfall (200 linear feet) and stream (465 linear feet total) restoration within the Anacostia Watershed. 1200 outfalls were looked at for possible restoration. Only 5 were chosen to do work. The outfall is in good condition but as soon as it ends there is incising, and eroding banks. Bank height is up to 6 feet. Debris, falling trees. Want to stabilize the stream to reduce sediment going to the lake and Anacostia watershed. Stream is actively eroding, eventually it could infringe into the private properties. 2.3 acres of impervious area treated. Stream alignment will remain the same, using pools and riffles for the restoration. This is right above Forebay #1 (colloquially referred to as “The Cove” at PW) that was dredged a couple of years ago. 7 trees are proposed to be removed; other trees will be saved, plantings will be done, including shrubs and riparian species. Floodplain reconnection. Trying to solve the source of the problem by looking at the hydrological studies.

The construction will last up to 6 months, counting preconstruction, plantings, close out, etc.

Maintenance will be the County’s responsibility. They will take a look every 3 years and do work every 5. Corveus will be doing the actual work.

Time line: work session with Council in December. Project might be able to start in June due to the limitations of not being able to work on streams during the spring.

Calculations made for the restoration to withstand a more than 10-year storm.

2. Beltway Plaza redevelopment plan discussion. (15 minutes) APB has met on this topic. They compiled a series of comments. Nov 14, 8 pm presentation to council. Hot issues include type of housing, more inclusionary, include senior housing, low and medium impact, and not to segregate them. Want more open space and recreational opportunities, traffic, school enrolment (because it is in the develop tier school capacity is not an issue). Phasing of project, connectivity, path sites, etc. they are addressing later, they want to build houses first, and then they will do the rest. Parking for the residential areas. Traffic impact analysis. Engage Breezewood drive? Not give their back to Franklin Park. Covenants because they need use of Breezewood drive. Solar was discussed; stormwater management has been discussed, green roofs, zero waste capacity, etc.

Terri: Royal Farms went through but covenants has not been presented.

3. Updates from **Sustainability Framework** / Green Team Circles. (30 minutes)

2.1 **Energy** / Solar. – SHL Rec. Center – waiting for “cut-in” or interconnection from Pepco. City just got the County’s final inspection, now Pepco has 30 days to turn it on.

Solar Farm - Pepco has received the interconnection application (ANEM) for the project in Oxon Hill, MD, Infrastructure built by the contractor.

2.2 Food Systems / Sustainable Landcare. –

2.3 Green Building. -

2.4 Land Use / Planning / Pathways of Sustainability. – Sustainable Land Care: Josh and Maggie have been dialoguing and have identified a few things they would like to have incorporated back into the report.

2.5 Transportation. – Electric Vehicles, stations. New bus was purchased, was EV considered? How come Green ACES was not asked to help? Green ACES would like to be part of the process. Members might know of grants or other ways to help.

2.6 Time Bank / Local Economies. – Next Social, Saturday, November 10, 2-5 pm.

2.7 Waste Management / Zero Waste –

PGC Zoning re-write update (Tom Taylor) It passed! They expanded the definition of small-scale composting to include community composting as an accessory use. Goes into effect in 2020.

City looking at other locations for 3-bin systems.

Zero waste meeting in November

Brett Fishburn took over Maker Space, might get a shredder, if the Theater can get cups that could be shredded and composted that would be great.

2.8 Water / Stream / Stormwater Restoration. –

4. Upcoming events: (5 minutes)

*Electronics, Styrofoam and Paint recycling, October 27 (9 am – 12 noon)

*Shredding, October 27 (9 am – 12 noon)

*Time Bank Social, Saturday, November 10, 2-5 pm

*Other?

5. Luisa will be gone in November. We'll need a note taker and a facilitator.

6. For future agendas:

a) Green Streets/Complete Streets City of Greenbelt Policy

b) MSEC goal of reducing fuel usage. City of Hyattsville example of Police EV and inverters in the trunk so their computers can remain on and the vehicle turned off (no idling).

Adjournment: